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LOK SABHA

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ALLOTMENT OF IRON ORE MINES TO STEEL PLANTS
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Committee constituted by the Planning Commission has recommended that the captive iron ore mines should be allotted to the steel plants established by 1st July, 2006;

(b) If so, the details of the recommendations submitted by the said Committee; and

(c) The action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. T. SUBBARAMMI REDDY)

(a) to (c): The High Level Committee (HLC) constituted under the chairmanship of Shri Anwarul Hoda, Member, Planning Commission to review the National Mineral Policy, 1993, in one of its recommendations has recommended that steel making capacities already in existence on 1st July 2006 that do not have captive mines may be given preference in allocation of iron ore reserves as a one-time measure to provide a level playing field, apart from the preference the states may give to value adders to get captive mines within the State. The recommendations of the HLC are available on the website of Planning Commission. The Central Government is reviewing the National Mineral Policy, 1993.